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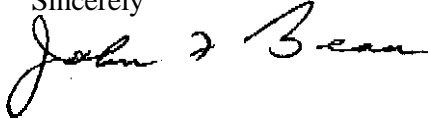
Dear Secretary Dortch,

I am the Mayor of a small town in Maryland. With only about 500 inhabitants, Barton really is "small town America." A person couldn't ask for a better in which to live or work. I am truly honored to represent a place where everyone knows everyone's name, a place where neighbors still get together for barbeques; most of all, a place we are all proud to call home.

Undoubtedly, I want my constituents to have the best opportunities available. At the same time, Barton is a rural area and the residents here aren't the wealthiest. Many things, such as high speed internet, are simply too expensive. Many larger cities, like Baltimore, are now **beginning** to offer **free** wireless internet to their citizens, but that cannot be a reality for us, or at least I thought so.

I recently learned of a proposal by M2Z Networks that is currently under review by your commission. Docket No. 07-16 proposes a nationwide, high speed, wireless network that all citizens will be able to access. This would mean that the citizens of Barton would be able to enjoy the internet and all it has to offer. I urge your commission to approve docket no. 07-16 so that small towns will be able to keep up with larger cities.

Sincerely



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Mayor, Town of Barton

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